

Re: Is a Firewall Necessary with Dial-Up?

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Java Script is a risk, Java is not. It's safer by it nature.

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"News" <nospam@anywhere.com> wrote in message

news:1021911505.8369.0@demeter.uk.clara.net...

> Sorry, but this is not correct. Whether dial-up or broadband, you always

> need a firewall when you are on the Internet, no matter where and when.

> This morning only, we had 1436 attempted break-ins into our corporate

> network. We have a hardware firewall but also insist that all employees

have

> Norton Personal Firewall installed for the times when they take their

> laptops home (which all of them do) and we see regular attacks on each of

> the laptops just by simple home dial-up internet use.

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> I totally agree with you that ActiveX and Java are a real danger to the

> integrity of any Computer.

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> Norton Personal Firewall can handle all the JavaScript, ActiveX and cookie

> business very well and gives you excellent security.

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> Regards,

> Oliver

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> Please reply to post only as email will not work.

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> "Larry W4CSC" <spaminator@knology.net> wrote in message

> news:3ce8e6b6.1774439@news.knology.net...

> > No, it's not. Just make sure you have a good virus scanner like

> > Norton Anti-Virus that's kept up-to-date with weekly definition

> > updates from the Auto update facility. You'll be scanned on dialup,

> > but it means nothing.

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> > I DO recommend getting away from Outlook Express, which is like

> > walking around the city with a huge "KICK ME HARD" sign on your back.

> > OE is what the worms are all targeted for, so why be a target. The

> > systems I setup all use Pegasus 4 for email, Free Agent for text

> > newsgroups like this one, SBNews bot for stripping binary newsgroups

> > and XNews for selectively downloading binaries from newsgroups.

> > There's another message I posted, yesterday, that tells you the

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> > particulars of my recommendations which are very successful. While
> > you're uninstalling OE from the Windows Setup tab of Add/Remove
> > Programs in Control Panel (or wherever Billy hid it in XP), uninstall
> > Windows Scripting Host, too. Windows Scripting Host (WSH) is Billy's
> > gift to the worm coders. It runs "Visual Basic Scripting" (.vbs)
> > files. If vbs worms have no operating system installed in Windows,
> > they can't run! Sound logical? It's not rocket science. Both of
> > these cracker targets are part of Windows, any flavor. Without OE
> > spreading the worms to your Address Book friends and WSH running them
> > on your computer....you're immune even if you DO get one! You don't
> > need WSH at all. It was a gift to the spyware spammers.
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> > There are two main issues on browsers that are big security
> > holes....javaSCRIPT (not Java) and ActiveX....both of which allow
> > webpages to run vicious code. It's like giving webpage operators
> > their own little operating system on trust to run code on YOUR
> > computer. I handle this problem by having one browser (Opera 6 here)
> > with everything turned off....no cookies, javascript, activex,
> > nothing....and one browser (IE6) with everything turned on for when I
> > just gotta have it and am forced to trust the webpage (like Windows
> > Update). Javascript and ActiveX are being used by vicious webpage
> > operators to run code on your system to trash it like a virus...but
> > sneak past the FUDware firewalls, etc., which allow the browser access
> > to the internet.
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> > Another great addition to your browser is WebWasher from
> > www.webwasher.com, the great engineers from Siemens in Germany.
> > Webwasher is a proxy server all html runs through. It sits between
> > the browsers and the net, filtering out spam, popup windows, cookies,
> > web bugs, URL code with embedded data collected from your computer,
> > etc....before it can get out on the net. Code calls for a spam from
> > doubleclick. WW intercepts the call and REPLIES with a byte, making
> > the code think it got to talk to the server, thwarting their efforts
> > to spam you but not waiting for the browser call to time out. Dialup
> > customers, like yourself, will REALLY appreciate the increase in
> > speed, not having to load those moving GIF monster movies on every
> > commercial webpage and those popup movies from the spammers. WW is
> > free for home use. Works great!
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> > Look for W4CSC back to yesterday to get direct access on
> > www.tucows.com to get the shareware/freeware above.....
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> > On Sun, 19 May 2002 23:35:32 -0700, "Chris Hecker"
> > <chrish@solarwinds.com> wrote:
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> > >Hello everyone,
> > >
> > >I have a dial-up internet access. Could you tell me if a firewall is
> > >necessary? Thanks in advance for any info.
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> > >Chris
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> > >Christopher's Place - <http://www.solarwinds.com/users/chrish>
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> > >Larry
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— Outgoing mail is certified Virus Free. Checked by AVG anti-virus system (<http://www.grisoft.com>).
Version: 6.0.362 / Virus Database: 199 – Release Date: 07/05/2002

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